Listening

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5 **You will hear a radio interview with an environmental journalist about overpopulation. For questions 1-10, complete the sentences.**

Overpopulation was 1 _____ in the 60s and 70s.

Overpopulation will 2 _____ other environmental problems.

More people means more 3 _____ consumption.

To produce more food, we need to 4 _____ for meat.

Poorer countries use less of the planet's 5 _____ .

Human populations can actually help 6 _____ .

People in the Machakos region of Kenya found ways to 7 _____ in the desert.

We need to 8 _____ people and preserve the planet.

People should try to save our 9 _____ .

Adele's book is printed on 10 _____ .

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1 **For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C, D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

THE GREAT STORM

The Great Storm of 1987 is without a **0)** *A* the worst storm to have affected the United Kingdom in living memory. It wasn't only the damage and destruction caused by the storm itself, which still **1)** ..... in people's minds today, but also how the people responsible for forecasting the weather got things so terribly **2)** ..... .

The night before the storm, the British MET Office informed the public that despite rumours of a hurricane on its **3)** ..... towards the country, the following day would just be very windy. It should come then as no **4)** ..... that people were furious when many woke up the next morning to excessive damage to property, trees that had been blown down, and no electricity. Many people were severely injured and some even **5)** ..... their lives in one of the worst storms Britain had ever known.

The whole incident highlighted how significant the media is to us and how inaccurate information can **6)** ..... our lives. The MET Office has since updated its computer systems, so that they can detect approaching storms and bad weather in advance and give people **7)** ..... warning. Although extreme storms are not very common in the United Kingdom, such events demonstrate the need to have efficient **8)** ..... systems in place to keep people safe.

0	(A) doubt	B hesitation	C suspicion	D disbelief
1	A stays	B remains	C waits	D persists
2	A wrong	B mistaken	C faulty	D incorrect
3	A way	B course	C route	D road
4	A shock	B surprise	C blow	D astonishment
5	A lost	B missed	C wasted	D surrendered
6	A influence	B shape	C effect	D affect
7	A proficient	B sufficient	C efficient	D deficient
8	A warning	B caution	C advice	D notice

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4 **Fill in:** *natural, expansion, endangered, fossil, ozone, shortage, coral, torrential, racial, family.*

1 Some of the gases used in industry cause ..... depletion, which leads to environmental problems and damage to human health.

2 Educating people about ..... planning could help slow population growth.

3 One of the major sources of carbon dioxide is the burning of ..... fuels to produce energy.

4 Our school is running a campaign to stop bullying and ..... discrimination.

5 Volcanoes are dangerous ..... phenomena that can alter the global climate.

6 A rise in sea temperatures could seriously damage the world's ..... reefs.

7 The soil was washed away by three days of ..... rain.

8 Mike is creating a website to provide information about ..... species.

9 The area is suffering from a water ..... due to a long period of drought.

10 Sea levels are rising because thermal ..... occurs as global temperatures rise.

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3 Complete the sentences.

1 "Global warming will affect everyone," she said.

She informed *us (that) global warming wou affect everyone.*

2 "You should join Greenpeace," he told me.

He encouraged .....

3 "Shall I buy this?" she asked herself.

She wondered .....

4 "You don't care about global issues," he said.

He complained .....

5 "There's a blizzard coming," he said to us.

He warned .....

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2 Turn the sentences into reported speech.

1 "I can take the bottles to the recycling centre tomorrow," said Ben.

Ben said *(that) he would be able to take the bottles to the recycling centre the next day.*

2 "What should I do to reduce my carbon footprint?" asked Sam. .....

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3 "Scientists may be able to predict earthquakes in the future," said Jenny.

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4 "You needn't take a coat because it's going to be a lovely day," Laura said to me.

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5 "Sarah must be worried about the high crime rate in her area," Bill said. .....

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6 "I'll help out at the soup kitchen next week," she said.....

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8 Choose the correct word.

A Although it is estimated that 1.2 billion people worldwide have ***1) gained/won/earned*** access to ***2) advanced/corrected/improved*** sanitation in the last six years, a lot more live without ***3) basic/primary/key*** sanitation. This means people will continue to pay the ***4) price/bill/money*** in ***5) lost/missed/passed*** lives, disease, malnutrition and poverty if we don't create environments that enhance safety, dignity and self-esteem.

B War always **1)** ***ends/finishes/stops*** in innocent lives being lost and hundreds of casualties. It is devastating and **2)** ***influences/affects/upsets*** the economy of each nation involved. No matter what the reason is, lives are **3)** ***ruined/wrecked/spoilt*** and places are **4)** ***injured/hurt/damaged*** beyond recognition.

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